

**CHICAGO HEIGHTS BOULEVARD SITE
COMMUNITY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS
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HEALTH

Q: If our health is safe why and where are these emails coming from?

Q: Do we need Blood test? At whose expense?

Q: Per Agency for Toxic substance website says:

Breathing small amounts TCE can cause headaches, lung irritation, etc

Breathing large amounts TCE can cause impaired heart function, death, nerve, liver, kidney damage

Drinking large amounts TCE can cause liver damage, death, impaired heart function etc.

Drinking small amounts TCE can cause lupus, liver, kidney damage and death

People exposed to TCE over long periods of time have found increased Cancer risk.

Q: You are saying this TCE does not affect the entire community and it is safe to drink the water. Based on www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfags. The entire communities home should be tested and/or offered bought out. The illnesses listed above have touched every block in Elmwood Park, from Zimmermann, Chicago Hts to Elmridge. But you are only testing a few houses. The alarmingly high sickness rate of heart problems, cancer, lupus, liver, kidney damage, miscarriage, stillborn and mental issue is a great concern to the community at large. I would like to know why a buy-out is not offered to residents who would like to move for health reasons. The ATSDR is being asked to look at these stats and advise are we living in "A Cancer Cluster and or Sick Bed"?

The community would be happy to share the stats we have so far. The numbers are increasing daily.

BUYOUT/RELOCATION/COMPENSATION

Q: I am trying to relocate and sell 2 houses in Elmwood. In need a disclosure statement showing my properties are not affected. The EPA told me my homes were not effected at this time. My realtor advised me to seek at buy-out because my homes could not be sold without disclosing the chemical and toxic waste.

Q: What is the process to demand Property buy-out for the whole community?

Q: Our property values are down but our taxes are up. What agency and or/ Perkin Elmer can pay our taxes or abate the taxes since we have basically lost our home value/ worth due to this chemicals? Who can we contact to protect our rights?

Q: Will this depreciate our property value? Will we be able to sell?

Q: What is the criteria for communities in contaminated areas to be bought out? Areas like Times beach etc. Why is our community any different than those? We are ill, our children are ill, our loved ones are dying at alarmingly high rates,

Comment: If the buyout is not feasible, the community should be compensated

SAMPLING/TESTING HOMES

Q: Who do i contact to have my home tested? At whose expense?

Q: What are the results of the homes that have been tested?

Q: Why are all the mitigation systems installed on Housing Authority Property and private homeowners are told "you have the chemical but live with it"?

Q: The EPA says PerkinElmer is paying to correct the problem-why can't the private homeowners who request it homes be tested. This testing process is not geared to test private homeowners. Only the homes owned by the St. Louis County Housing Authority are getting the mitigation systems.

Q: When will all the homes and apartments be tested for TCE (east of Dielman)?

Q: I live in the apartments, what is being done to help me since I have been affected by TCE?

Q: I would like the ground soil report explained in easy to understand